

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PEKING 01195 030140Z

22

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /056 W

----- 128332

R 021930Z JUL 76

FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5885

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1195

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: LEFTIST COMMENTATOR CALLS FOR PURIFYING THE PARTY RANKS

REF: HONG KONG 7746

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AN IMPORTANT LEFTIST COMMENTATOR HAS CALLED FOR PURGINO CAPITALIST ROADERS FROM THE PARTY AND APPLAUDED THE PARTY'S PAST LAUNCHING OF MASS STRUGGLE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE JULY 2 PEOPLE'S DAILY CARRIES ON PAGE 2 AN ARTICLE BY IMPORTANT LEFTIST COMMENTATOR LIANG HSIAO (A PSEUDONYM BELIEVED TO REPRESENT A JOINT COMMITTEE OF PEKING AND TSINGHUA UNIVERSITIES) ENTITLED "OUR PARTY ADVANCES AMIDST STRUGGLE." IT EXPLORES THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER AS THE JULY 1 PARTY ANNIVERSARY JOINT EDITORIAL, "BUILD THE PARTY IN THE MIDST OF STRUGGLE" (REFTEL). BUT IN CONTRAST ADVOCATING STUDY OR STRUGGLE RESPECTIVELY, LIANG'S ARTICLE IS AN UNVARNISHED CALL FOR PURGING ENEMIES WITHIN THE PARTY; THE WORD STUDY DOES NOT APPEAR. IT LIKEWISE OMITTS MAO'S DICTUM ON CURING THE ILLNESS TO SAVE THE PATIENT, WHILE SUPPLYING THE ONE ON SPITTING OUT THE OLD AND TAKING IN THE NEW.

BEM LIANG BLUNTLY EXPRESSED VINTAGE LEFTIST SENTIMENTS: "DO

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PEKING 01195 030140Z

YOU FEEL FATIGUED BY STRUGGLE? DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE

STRUGGLED ABOUT ENOUGH? DO YOU WANT TO PLACIDLY GO AND HANDLE CONSTRUCTION? THAT IS PRECISELY IN ACCORD WITH THE DESIRES OF THE CAPITALIST ROADERS..." ECHOING A THEME WHICH HAS APPEARED IN RECENT KWANGMINO DAILY PEOPLES, LIANG GOES ON TO DECLARE: "WE ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT REGARD THE FALL OF VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOURGEOISIE AS BEING THE END OF THE ENTIRE STRUGGLE; EVEN MORE WE MUST NOT FAIL TO SEE THAT AFTER ACHIEVING ONE VICTORY IN STRUGGLE THERE WILL BE MANY MORE STRUGGLES."

4. AND LIANG TRANSPARENTLY ALLUDES TO ONE VERY SPECIFIC AND, IN HIS OPINION, STILL-UNCONSUMMATED STRUGGLE. TICKING OFF THE CATEGORIES OF THOSE WHO MUST BE EXPELLED TO PURIFY PARTY RANKS, LIANG INCLUDES "CAPITALIST ROADERS UNWILLING TO REPENT"--A CATEGORY IN WHICH THE STAR IS TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO WAS STRIPPED OF HIS PARTY AND STATE POSITIONS BUT PERMITTED TO RETAIN HIS PARTY MEMBERSHIP. THE POLITBURO DECISION TAKEN IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT PRESUMABLY REPRESENTED A BOW TO TENG'S MODERATE COLLEAGUES BUT HAS DRAWN RADICAL SNIPING EVER SINCE.

5. ON PARTY-BUILDING, THE MAJOR THEME OF THE ARTICLE, LIANG: --ACCENTS POLITICAL ORIENTATION AND CLASS STAND AS THE PRIME CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF REVOLUTIONARY SUCCESSORS BKADDING THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS "FRIGHTEN" THE BOURGEOISIE WITHIN THE PARTY); --PRESCRIBES MAO'S DICTUM "EXPEL THE OLD AND TAKE IN THE NEW" (WHICH RADICAL BASTION TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN DOING IN RECENT MONTHS ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE, CITED REFTEL, IN JUNE 30 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND KWANGMING DAILY); AND --HOLDS UP AS MODELS THOSE BASIC-LEVEL PARTY CADRES WHO LAST YEAR WENT "AGAINST THE TIDE" IN RESISTING TENG AND STRUGGLING AGAINST HIS LINE.

6. LIANG LIKE THE EDITORIAL, QUOTES A 1964 MAO DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE SOCIALIST EDUCATION MOVEMENT THAT SEEMS CALCULATED TO AROUSE MEMORIES OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO CONTEMPORARY "CAPITALIST-ROADERS" WITHIN THE PARTY. (MFA OFFICIAL TANG WEN-SHENG TOLD US JULY 1 THAT THIS MAO-QUOTE HAD NOT BEEN PUBLISHED PREVIOUSLY, AND THAT IT WAS "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" --SHE DIDN'T SAY WHY.) SEVERAL LATER PASSAGES IN THE LIANG
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PEKING 01195 030140Z

ARTICLE CARRY RATHER ONINOUS OVERTONES OF CULTURAL REVOLUTION-STYLE MASS ACTION, THOUGH THIS NOTION IS NOT DEVELOPED. LIANG ASSERTS: "WHETHER OR NOT WE LAUNCH THE MASYES TO WAGE STRUGGLE (WITH CAPITALIST ROADERS WITHIN THE PARTY) RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE FATE OF THE PARTY AND STATE." WHEREAS THE JOINT EDITORIAL SAW THE PARTY'S "STRENGTH, CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY"

REFLECTED IN ITS DARING "TO EXPOSE THE BOURGEOISIE WITHIN THE

PARTY," LIANG, SEEMING CONSCIOUSLY TO ADOPT A MORE MILITANT
STANCE, AFFIRMS: "THAT OUR PARTY DARES TO OPENLY LAUNCH THE MASSES TO
WAGE STRUGGLE...AND EXPOSE OUR DARK SIDE...IS PRECISELY THE
PROOF THAT OUR PARTY IS RESOLUTE, STRONG, AND FULL OF CONFIDENCE.
GATES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARTY UNITY, PARTY EXPULSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976PEKING01195
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760258-0487
From: PEKING
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760795/aaaadfkv.tel
Line Count: 120
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 HONG KONG 7746
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 MAY 2004 by woolflhd>; APPROVED <15 SEP 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LEFTIST COMMENTATOR CALLS FOR PURIFYING THE PARTY RANKS
TAGS: PINT, CH, (LIANG HSIAO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006